



Magnuson Park Wetland, Habitat and Athletic Field Development Project

PROJECT ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Magnuson Park Building #30 Conference Room

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Attendance:

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	Public:	Bonnie Miller Ed Dalasandro (sp?)		

Meeting Summary

1. Park Staff, Jon Jainga welcomed everyone to the meeting and also welcomed Loren and Robin as newly appointed PAT Members.
2. Public Comments:
Bonnie Miller requested that the Parking Lot at the Sports Meadow be removed and the tennis courts also be removed before the Sports Meadow opens. Requesting that this work be part of Phase 2 so we can train people to not use this parking lot and they can use the other close by.

Comment clarification: I believe Bonnie Miller's comment called for removal of the internal road and parking lot; not for removal of the parking lot and the tennis courts as stated here. Please also include that a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the PAT favoring removal of the road and parking lot due to vandalism issues and the fact that this removal would unify the wetland areas establishing the central habitat reserve area of the Master Plan. Lynn
3. Guy's response; parking lot at tennis courts will stay until new tennis is built. Removal of the tennis court parking lot is not part of the Phase 2 scope. There are matching grant programs out there if a group wants to explore them. Charles Ng is a good place to start. Parks feels that there is a need for this to remain to serve not only the sports field, but the existing tennis courts and overflow beach parking.

4. House Keeping items:
Guy addressed several house keeping items with the PAT Members in order to close the loop with and clarify several issues.
5. NE 65th entry: Regarding the 65th entry: Improvements to the NE 65th entrance are not included in Phase 2 scope. With the current available funding targeted primarily toward 1) wetland/habitat creation and enhancement and 2) sports field creation, there is not significant available funding targeted for the reconstruction of the existing 65th entrance and roadway (ROW cost "crazy high"). The current Phase 2 scope is consistent with the scope presented to the city council and as presented and approved by the PAT, but most importantly is consistent with the long stated phasing goals. An overriding goal in defining phase 2 scope was to improve the park to the greatest extent possible with funds in hand, as though no future funding was guaranteed. A guiding principle of this became the "cleaning up" of the remaining military relics, primarily in the southern portion of the site and replacing them with more "park-like" elements. The improvements to NE 65th, while of undeniable benefit to the park largely entail replacing features that already exist (though not in ideal form) and as replacement of existing elements, are a lower priority than creation of new park elements. The creation of the new 65th park entrance and transportation improvements remains part of the master plan, and when addressed will be costly and time consuming in terms of both design, coordination with city agencies (SDOT), and construction. There may be opportunities to look at smaller parts of the 65th entry, such as pedestrian paths, and implement them as smaller parks projects possibly with other parks or grant funding, therefore making these smaller elements another ideal area to focus volunteer and community efforts around. I look forward to discussing further at the next PAT. Pedestrian paths through the project will be provided from sports field drive through the site. Warren's response; In an ideal world, 65th should be done but after the project, can fencing be removed and maybe some striping along the road to direct pedestrians. Also, can it be possible to remove 75' or 50' of parking lot at the sports meadow from keep cars from going on to the field. Guy's responded; here's what we can do, Guy and Jon will work together to explore some options.

Warren; recommend that the design team explore options to help Reduce the pedestrian/vehicle conflict on 65th St. by routing pedestrians onto existing asphalt parking on the north side of 65th, through the use of signage, striping, temporary barriers, or other low cost methods. PAT Members agreed.

Matt; PAT strongly recommends the removal of the internal parking lot and access road. We acknowledge this is outside of the scope of the Phase II but felt this will limit potential vandalism to the newly constructed sports meadow and greatly improve habitat values for minimal costs. We strongly urge the City to find additional funds to support this action as a subset of Phase 2. PAT Members agreed.

Neale, the design for the entrance was by Guy not by Radford Court. Guy explained that there were three designs, plants, road and signage. The signage plans are not acceptable.

6. Commissary Demo: While part of the larger project, not part of The Berger Partnership contract (Phase 2), the commissary is coming down. Park Staff is handling the permits and scheduling. January is the estimated schedule for demolition to begin.
7. Budget: A budget was provided during the September PAT. Jon can speak to the dividing up of funds, however, the specific delineation of shared expenses (design and delineation is 70 / 30 representative of proportions of total funding). We can take another look at the January PAT Meeting to discuss budget if that is a priority.
8. The solar house: See hand outs. The Solar house is technically not part of this phase (at least our design work), but we will be design and proposing a site for it, as it is an opportunity

to get a building to serve as the education pavilion in this phase. There is not funding for the education pavilion in the master plan at this time. Whether it is or is not permanent is a function of future funding of the education pavilion as in the master plan (if it is determined to be a budget priority to replace the solar house.) Some websites.

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar_decathlon/

<http://www.arch.wsu.edu/solardec/index.html>

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar_decathlon/team_washington.html

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar_decathlon/homes_gallery.html

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The web address is: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/Magnuson.htm>

Additional Information is Available:

- <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/spmpFields.htm>
- <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/SPMPWetlands.htm>
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